

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Ludomir Budzyn on 04/27/2006. The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel Claims 2 and 4. ✓

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Claim 1, line 6, after 'a pair of adjacent said panels', ~~insert~~—, wherein said corners each convergently taper towards respective said closed end. ✕

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Claim 10 (New), ~~insert~~— A multiwell plate comprising a plate body having a plurality of wells formed therein, at least a portion of said wells each being formed with an open end, a closed end and a side wall extending therebetween, said side wall including four spaced-apart rectangular panels and four rounded corners, each of said corners located to join, and extend between, a pair of adjacent said panels, wherein each said corner includes two side edges that extend between said closed end and said open end, said side edges converging towards said closed end. ✕

Claim 11 (New), ~~insert~~— A plate as in claim 10, wherein at least a portion of said wells each converge toward respective said closed end. ✕

Claim 12 (New), ~~insert~~— A plate as in claim 11, wherein said rectangular panels taper